

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

In the Matter of:

Heraeus Metal Processing, Inc.  
13429 Alondra Boulevard  
Santa Fe Springs, California 90670

EPA ID no. CAD 060398229

Respondent.

Docket HWCA 2004 0484

CONSENT ORDER

Health and Safety Code  
Section 25187

INTRODUCTION

The State Department of Toxic Substances Control (Department) and Heraeus Metal Processing, Inc. (Respondent) enter into this Consent Order and agree as follows:

1. Respondent generates, handles, treats, stores and transfers solid and hazardous waste at 13429 Alondra Boulevard, Santa Fe Springs, California 90670 (Site).

2. The Department authorized PGP Industries to store, treat, and transfer hazardous waste at the Site under a Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, Series B, issued on June 2, 1998 ("Permit"), and its Final Decision and Order Granting Appeal, Docket No. HWCA 99/00-P003, issued on November 9, 1999. The Permit was modified on September 18, 2000, to reflect the Respondent as the current owner and operator of the Site. The Permit was further modified on October 31, 2006.

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3. The Department inspected the Site on January 20, 21, 22, 26 and 29, 2004.
4. A dispute exists regarding the violations alleged in this Consent Order.
5. The parties wish to avoid the expense of litigation and to ensure prompt compliance.
6. Jurisdiction exists pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25187.
7. Respondent waives any right to a hearing in this matter.
8. This Consent Order shall constitute full settlement of the violations alleged below, but does not limit the Department from taking appropriate enforcement action concerning other violations.

#### VIOLATIONS

9. The Department alleges the following violations:

9.1. Respondent violated Health and Safety Code section 25202, subdivision (a), and its Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, Part II, 3, in that in June and July 2002, Respondent exceeded the permitted treatment capacity of 100,000 pounds of solid hazardous waste per month.

9.2. Respondent violated California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66264.13, subdivision (a)(1), in that on or about January 20, 2004, Respondent failed to obtain a detailed chemical analysis of a representative sample of the incoming hazardous waste.

9.3. Respondent violated Health and Safety Code section 25202, and its Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, Part II, 1, in that on or about January 20, 2004, Respondent stored hazardous waste at unauthorized areas.

Respondent violated California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66264.15, subdivision (b)(3), in that on or about January 22, 2004, Respondent's Inspection Schedule failed to identify the types of problems that are to be looked for during an

inspection. The Inspection Schedule did not list the safety and communication equipment.

#### SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE

10. Respondent shall comply with the following:

10.1. Effective immediately, Respondent shall not treat waste exceeding its permitted treatment capacity as specified in the permit Part II Special Conditions, section 3.

10.2. Effective immediately, Respondent shall perform analysis of incoming hazardous waste in accordance with the modified Waste Analysis Plan (WAP) that was submitted to the Department on April 6, 2006, and approved on October 31, 2006.

10.3. Effective immediately, Respondent shall not store hazardous wastes at unauthorized areas.

10.4. Effective immediately, Respondent shall include in its Inspection Schedule a list of all the emergency equipment to be inspected. Respondent shall identify the types of problems to be looking for in an inspection in its Inspection Schedule.

10.5. Effective immediately, Respondent shall develop a schedule and procedures for assessing tank and containment condition.

11. Submittals: Except as specified elsewhere, submittals from Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order shall be sent to:

Florence Gharibian  
Supervising I Hazardous Substances Scientist  
Statewide Compliance Division  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
1011 North Grandview Avenue  
Glendale, California 91201

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12. Communications: All approvals and decisions of the Department made regarding such submittals and notifications shall be communicated to Respondent in writing by a Branch Chief, Department of Toxic Substances Control, or his/her designee. No informal advice, guidance, suggestions, or comments by the Department regarding reports, plans, specifications, schedules, or any other writings by Respondent shall be construed to relieve Respondent of its obligation to obtain such formal approvals as may be required.

13. Department Review and Approval: If the Department determines that any report, plan, schedule, or other document submitted for approval pursuant to this Consent Order fails to comply with the Order or fails to protect public health or safety or the environment, the Department may return the document to Respondent with recommended changes and a date by which Respondent must submit to the Department a revised document incorporating the recommended changes.

14. Compliance with Applicable Laws: Respondent shall carry out this Order in compliance with all local, State, and federal requirements, including but not limited to requirements to obtain permits and to assure worker safety.

15. Endangerment during Implementation: In the event that the Department determines that any circumstances or activity (whether or not pursued in compliance with this Consent Order) are creating an imminent or substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of people on the site or in the surrounding area or to the environment, the Department may order Respondent to stop further implementation for such period of time as needed to abate the endangerment. Any deadline in this Consent Order directly

affected by a Stop Work Order under this section shall be extended for the term of such Stop Work Order.

16. Liability: Nothing in this Consent Order shall constitute or be construed as a satisfaction or release from liability for any conditions or claims arising as a result of past, current, or future operations of Respondent, except as provided in this Consent Order. Notwithstanding compliance with the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent may be required to take further actions as are necessary to protect public health or welfare or the environment.

17. Site Access: Access to the Site shall be provided at all reasonable times to employees, contractors, and consultants of the Department, and any agency having jurisdiction. Nothing in this Consent Order is intended to limit in any way the right of entry or inspection that any agency may otherwise have by operation of any law. The Department and its authorized representatives may enter and move freely about all property at the Site at all reasonable times for purposes including, but not limited to: inspecting records, operating logs, and contracts relating to the Site; reviewing the progress of Respondent in carrying out the terms of this Consent Order; and conducting such tests as the Department may deem necessary. Respondent shall permit such persons to inspect and copy all records, documents, and other writings, including all sampling and monitoring data, in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Consent Order.

18. Sampling, Data, and Document Availability: Respondent shall permit the Department and its authorized representatives to inspect and copy all sampling, testing,

monitoring, and other data generated by Respondent or on Respondent's behalf in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Consent Order. Respondent shall allow the Department and its authorized representatives to take duplicates of any samples collected by Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order. Respondent shall maintain a central depository of the data, reports, and other documents prepared pursuant to this Consent Order. All such data, reports, and other documents shall be preserved by Respondent for a minimum of six years after the conclusion of all activities under this Consent Order. If the Department requests that some or all of these documents be preserved for a longer period of time, Respondent shall either comply with that request, deliver the documents to the Department, or permit the Department to copy the documents prior to destruction. Respondent shall notify the Department in writing at least six months prior to destroying any documents prepared pursuant to this Consent Order.

19. Government Liabilities: The State of California shall not be liable for injuries or damages to persons or property resulting from acts or omissions by Respondent or related parties specified in paragraph 29, in carrying out activities pursuant to this Consent Order, nor shall the State of California be held as a party to any contract entered into by Respondent or its agents in carrying out activities pursuant to this Consent Order.

20. Incorporation of Plans and Reports: All plans, schedules, and reports that require Department approval and are submitted by Respondent pursuant to this

Consent Order are incorporated in this Consent Order upon approval by the Department.

21. Extension Requests: If Respondent is unable to perform any activity or submit any document within the time required under this Consent Order, the Respondent may, prior to expiration of the time, request an extension of time in writing. The extension request shall include a justification for the delay.

22. Extension Approvals: If the Department determines that good cause exists for an extension, it will grant the request and specify in writing a new compliance schedule.

#### PAYMENTS

23. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall pay the Department a total amount of \$37,000.

24. Respondent's check shall be made payable to Department of Toxic Substances Control, and shall be delivered together with the attached Payment Voucher to:

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Accounting Office  
1001 I Street, 21st floor  
P. O. Box 806  
Sacramento, California 95812-0806

25. Photocopies of the check shall be sent to:

Florence Gharibian  
Supervising Hazardous Substances Scientist  
Statewide Compliance Division  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
1011 North Grandview Avenue  
Glendale, California 91201

Debra Schwartz, Esq.  
Staff Counsel  
Office of Legal Counsel and Investigations  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
1011 North Grandview Avenue  
Glendale, California 91201

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26. If Respondent fails to make payment as provided above, Respondent agrees to pay interest at the rate established pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25360.1 and to pay all costs incurred by the Department in pursuing collection including attorney's fees.

#### OTHER PROVISIONS

27. Additional Enforcement Actions: By agreeing to this Consent Order, the Department does not waive the right to take further enforcement actions, except to the extent provided in this Consent Order.

28. Penalties for Noncompliance: Failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Order may subject Respondent to civil penalties and punitive damages for any costs incurred by the Department or other government agencies as a result of such failure, as provided by Health and Safety Code section 25188 and other applicable provisions of law.

29. Parties Bound: This Consent Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and its officers, directors, agents, receivers, trustees, employees, contractors, consultants, successors, and assignees, including but not limited to individuals, partners, and subsidiary and parent corporations, and upon the Department and any successor agency that may have responsibility for and jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Consent Order.

30. Effective Date: The effective date of this Consent Order is the date it is signed by the Department.



31. Integration: This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may not be amended, supplemented, or modified, except as provided in this agreement.

32. Compliance with Waste Discharge Requirements: Respondent shall comply with all applicable waste discharge requirements issued by the State Water Resources Control Board or a California regional water quality control board.

Dated: 12/21/2006

**Original signed by Uli Blankenstein**

Uli Blankenstein  
Vice President & Chief Financial Officer  
Heraeus Metal Processing, Inc.

Dated: 1/3/2007

**Original signed by Florence Gharibian**

Florence Gharibian, Chief  
Southern California Branch  
Statewide Compliance Division  
Department of Toxic Substances Control

**NOTE: THIS CONSENT ORDER WAS ASSIGNED  
A NEW DOCKET NO. HWCA 2007-1290.**